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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 9 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 11 MICHAEL HELLMAN, et al., Case No. 2:21-cv-00949-JAMDMC) 12 ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFFS' Plaintiffs, MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION 13 v. 14 POLARIS INDUSTRIES, INC., et al., 15 Defendants. 16 17 Plaintiffs Michael Hellman, et al. ("Plaintiffs") seek 18 reconsideration of this Court's Order (ECF No. 36 "MTD Order"), 19 dismissing with prejudice Plaintiffs' claims for equitable 20 restitution under the CLRA, FAL and UCL. (ECF No. 38-1.) 21 22 Plaintiffs contend that the dismissal should have been without prejudice, because the Court's ruling was that it lacked 23 jurisdiction and was not a ruling on the merits. (ECF No. 38-1 at 24 Defendants Polaris Industries, Inc., et al. ("Defendants") 25 oppose Plaintiffs' motion for reconsideration (ECF No. 46). 26 Defendants argue that this Court correctly dismissed Plaintiffs' 27

equitable restitution claims with prejudice because Plaintiffs

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failed to show they lacked an adequate legal remedy as required under <u>Sonner v. Premier Nutrition Corp.</u>, 971 F.3d 834, 840 (9th Cir. 2020) and other precedent (ECF No. 46 at 1).

The Court agrees with Defendants. The MTD Order on the equitable restitution claims was a ruling on the merits. Plaintiffs' failure to address Defendants' arguments concerning these claims in their opposition to Defendants' motion to dismiss was found to be a concession of Defendants' arguments with respect to these claims. The MTD Order does not state that the Court believed it lacked jurisdiction over these claims, and Plaintiffs' interpretation of the Court's ruling is incorrect and without support. As Defendants correctly argue, this Court granted judgment against Plaintiffs on these equitable claims because they failed to satisfy the equitable relief requirements and this judgment was on the merits and with prejudice. (ECF No. 46 at 5-6.) The Court did not err in dismissing Plaintiffs' equitable restitution claims with prejudice and much less commit the "clear error" that Plaintiffs must demonstrate to prevail on their motion herein.

Plaintiffs' motion for reconsideration is DENIED.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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